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JOINT RESEARCH WITH FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to take up joint research with farmers instead of confining the research activities to laboratories;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir.This Department through Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) Institutes, generate farm worthy technologies based on the feed back received from the end users. These technologies are first tested by the Institutes at their own experimental farm and then jointly with the farmers. The ICAR has created a vast network of 558 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in the country for technology assessment, refinement and demonstration. The validated technologies are then passed-on to the farmers. During 2007-08 a total of 71,640 frontline demonstrations were organized including oilseeds (18,306), pulses (13,042), cotton (6206) and other important crops (31,248), covering an area of 25000 ha. Besides 2838 demonstrations on various enterprises were also conducted.

(c) Does not arise.